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Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed 10/11/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3, 5-27 and 29-35.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The primary reason for allowance of claims 1-1-3, 7-9 is the inclusion of the limitations of a hardcopy device that includes a sensor system arrangement configured to generate both first and second images and wherein the sensor arrangement has a field of view arranged to simultaneously view the first portion and the second positions. It is these limitations found in the claims, as they are claimed in the combination of that has not been found, taught or suggested by the prior art of record, which makes these claims allowable over the prior art.

The primary reason for allowance of claim 5 is the inclusion of the limitations of a hardcopy device that includes a sensor system having first and second sensors which are spaced in a direction of the media feedpath and which are arranged to generate first and second images such that the first and second images overlap. It is these limitations found in the claims, as they are claimed in the combination of that has not been found, taught or suggested by the prior art of record, which makes these claims allowable over the prior art.

The primary reason for allowance of claim 6 is the inclusion of the limitations of a hardcopy device that includes a sensor system having first and second sensors which are spaced in a direction of the media feedpath and which are arranged to generate first and second images arranged such that the first and second images do not overlap. It is these limitations found in the claims, as they are claimed in the combination of that has not been found, taught or suggested by the prior art of record, which makes these claims allowable over the prior art.

The primary reason for allowance of claims 10-16 are the inclusion of the limitations of a hardcopy device that includes generate a further pair of images wherein at least one of the further pair of images is an image of a further portion of the print media at positions and compare the further pair of images and detect a further change in the angle of skew of the media between the first and second positions. It is these limitations found in the claims, as they are claimed in the combination of that has not been found, taught or suggested by the prior art of record, which makes these claims allowable over the prior art.

The primary reason for allowance of claims 17-20 are the inclusion of the limitations of a hardcopy device that includes a sensor system arranged to generate first and second images of a first portion of print media at first and second positions respectively along the feed path, the sensor being further arranged to compare the first and second images and thereby detect a change in the angle of skew of the media between the first and second positions. It is these limitations found in the claims, as they are claimed in the combination of that has not been found, taught or suggested by the prior art of record, which makes these claims allowable over the prior art.

The primary reason for allowance of claim 21 are the inclusion of the limitations of a hardcopy device that includes a sensor system having first and second sensors which are arranged to generate the first and second images respectively, where the first and second images overlap. It is these limitations found in the claims, as they are

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claimed in the combination of that has not been found, taught or suggested by the prior art of record, which makes these claims allowable over the prior art.

The primary reason for allowance of claims 22-27 are the inclusion of the limitations of a sensor system that includes a sensor system being arranged to generate a first image of a portion of print media at a first position along the feed path and to generate a second image of the portion of print media at a second position along the feed path, the system arranged to compare the first and second images and thereby detect a change in the angle of skew of the media between the first and second positions, and having a processor device configured to identify one or more features in each of the first and second images and to determine whether the one or more features identified in one image correspond to the one or more features identified in the other image. It is these limitations found in the claims, as they are claimed in the combination of that has not been found, taught or suggested by the prior art of record, which makes these claims allowable over the prior art.

The primary reason for allowance of claims 29-35 is the inclusion of a method steps of a hardcopy device comparing the first and second images of the one or more features to determine if the orientation of the media relative to the feed path has changed between the imaging steps and comparing a further pair of images each imaging one or more further features associated with a further portion of print media, when the further portion of print media is located at the first and second positions, and thereby determining if the orientation of the media relative to the feed path has further changed. It is these steps found in the claims, as they are claimed in the combination of

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that has not been found, taught or suggested by the prior art of record, which makes these claims allowable over the prior art.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Communication With The USPTO

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to K. Feggins whose telephone number is 571-272-2254. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Talbott Dave can be reached on 571-272-1934. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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